

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
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For Work Week Commencing: September 18, 2000

Business Meeting: September 18, 2000, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. MPC Sale – Placeholder – (9/19/00)
2. D97.7.90 – MPC – Tier 2 decision not to have expedited treatment of QF costs per letters of intent – Discuss and act on Motion for Reconsideration of the Commission Action on QF Letters of Intent (9/19/00)
3. D2000.8.113 – MPC – MPC Rate Increase for Non-Supply Components of Electric and Natural Gas Services – Discussion and action on MPC motion for protective order, other matters as necessary (9/19/00)
4. D99.10.243 – Energy West Montana – EWM 1999 Gas Cost Tracker – First post-hearing discussion, direction, action on final order (9/19/00)
5. D98.10.246 – Columbia Heights Water Co – Investigation of Service Quality – Post-hearing discussion, direction, action on what should be done in regard to inadequate service (9/19/00)

6. D99.4.86 – Fairmont Hot Springs – Motion for Reconsideration of Order to refund – Act on Motion for Reconsideration of Commission's direction to rebate payments made for water before compliance with Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA (9/19/00)
7. 711 Access to Telephone Relay Service – Discuss PSC involvement (9/19/00)
8. Non-Rural HCF Telecommunications Carriers (Qwest and Mid-Rivers) – Qwest and Mid-Rivers Request for 2001 Certification – Discuss requests for certification, process, approve certification to the FCC (9/19/00)
9. N2000.7.111 – Qwest – Qwest filing to offer Voice Messaging service on a deregulated basis – Commission decision (9/19/00)
10. D99.8.205 – Qwest Communications – Detariffing of intraLATA toll service and operator services – Discuss case, staff recommendations and seek Commission direction (9/19/00)
11. D2000.9.152 – Montana Communications – Complaint against Qwest – To discuss the complaint generally and to get permission to notice the complaint, if appropriate (9/19/00)
12. D2000.6.93 (HJN) and D2000.6.92 (M.A.I.N.) – QWEST, HJN, M.A.I.N. – Petitions for approval of interconnection agreements – To act on the petitions (9/19/00)
13. N2000.9.150, N2000.9.151 – Ronan Telephone, Hot Springs Telephone – Generic protective orders – To approve extensions to generic protective orders for Ronan and Hot Springs (9/19/00)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. AT &T Communications, Inc., Docket N2000.9.141 (Scott)

On September 1, 2000, AT&T filed tariff transmittal 2000-16. In this filing AT&T is requesting to update the late payment charge language to clarify when and how the charge is assessed and to specify that the charges only applies when the balance exceeds \$25.00.

2. Touch America, Docket D2000.8.124 (Robin)

On August 18, 2000, Touch America filed a "Petition for Arbitration" pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for Terms and Conditions of Interconnection with U S WEST (n/k/a Qwest Corporation). According to ARM 38.5.4030, the only party allowed intervention is the Montana Consumer Counsel. Intervention should be requested by MCC within 25 days of the filing of the petition. The Montana Consumer Counsel has requested late intervention. Staff recommends approval.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 00-09-25

New Filings Received in Past Week

- N2000.9.146 – Montana Marginal Energy – Application for license to supply electricity
- D2000.9.147 – Havre Pipeline Co – Application for fuel discounting
- D2000.9.148 – Montana-Dakota Utility – MDU gas tracker
- D2000.9.149 – Montana Communications – Petition for hearing
- N2000.9.150 – Hot Springs Telephone – Request for renewal of protective order
- N2000.9.151 – Ronan Telephone – Request for renewal of protective order
- D2000.9.152 – Montana Communications – Complaint v. Qwest
- N2000.9.153 – Qwest – Tariff 00-33 Revisions to residential CustomChoice and ValueChoice packages
- N2000.9.154 – Qwest – Tariff 00-34 Business CustomChoice Revisions
- N2000.9.155 – Qwest – Tariff 00-35 UAS/DSS Promotion